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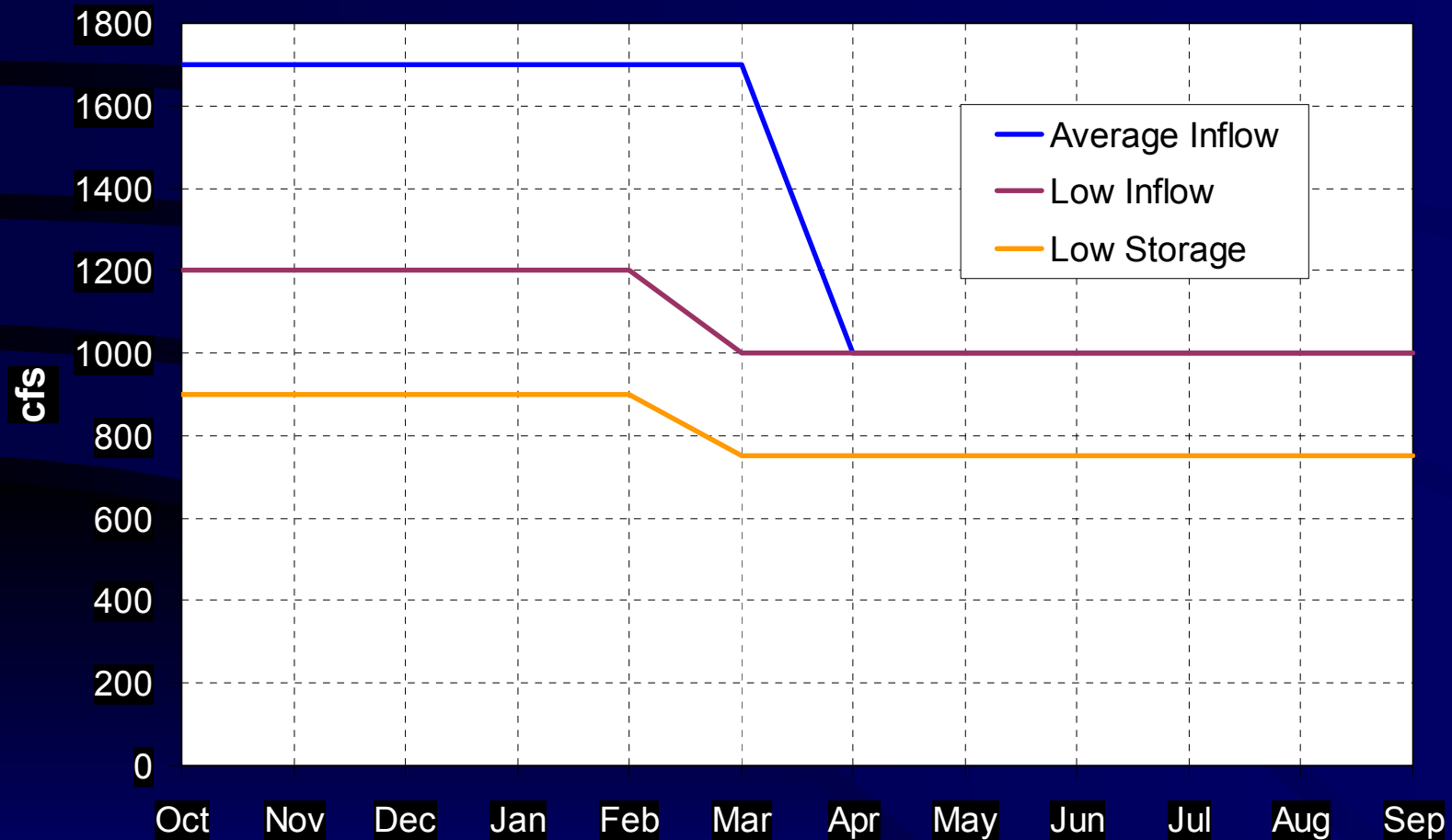
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Instream Flow Requirements (Feather River)



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Bay-Delta Standards

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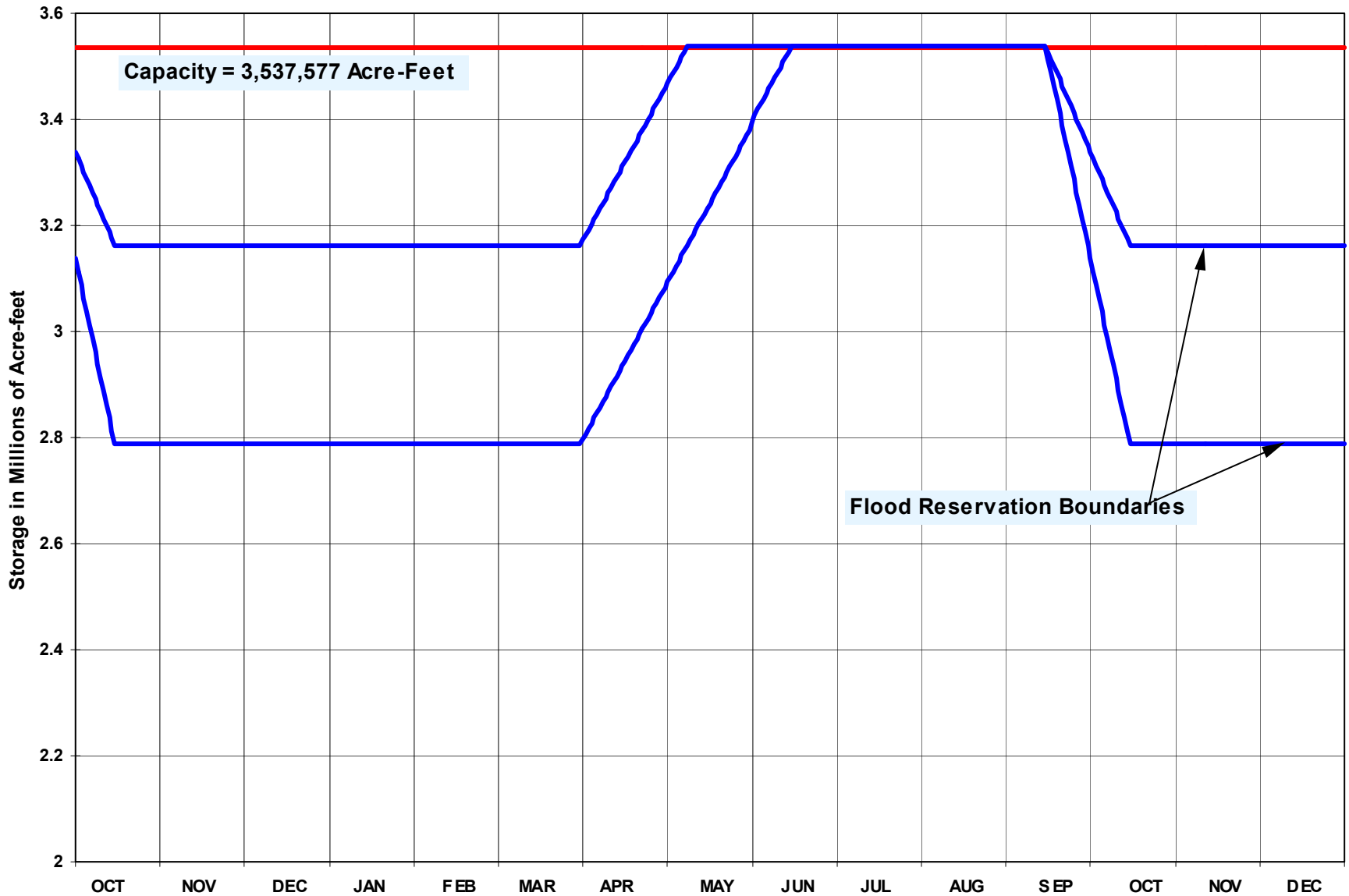
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CRITERIA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
FLOW/OPERATIONAL												
• Fish and Wildlife												
SWP/CVP Export Limits				1,500cfs	[1]							
Export/Inflow Ratio [2]	65%	35% of Delta Inflow [3]					65% of Delta Inflow					
Minimum Delta Outflow	[4]						3,000 - 8,000 cfs [4]					
Habitat Protection Outflow		7,100 - 29,200 cfs [5]										
Salinity Starting Condition [6]		[6]										
River Flows:												
@ Rio Vista								3,000 - 4,500 cfs [7]				
@ Vernalis - Base		710 - 3,420 cfs [8]				[8]						
- Pulse				[9]					+28TAF			
Delta Cross Channel Gates	[10]	Closed				[11]					Conditional [10]	
WATER QUALITY STANDARDS												
• Municipal and Industrial												
All Export Locations	≤ 250 mg/l Cl											
Contra Costa Canal	150 mg/l Cl for the required number of days [12]											
• Agriculture												
Western/Interior Delta			Max.14-day average EC mmhos/cm [13]									
Southern Delta [14]	1.0 mS		30 day running avg EC 0.7 mS					1.0 mS				
• Fish and Wildlife												
San Joaquin River Salinity [15]			14-day avg; 0.44 EC									
Suisun Marsh Salinity [16]	12.5 EC	8.0 EC	11.0 EC						19.0 EC	[17]	15.5 EC	

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- **Flood Control**

Lake Oroville Flood Control Reservation



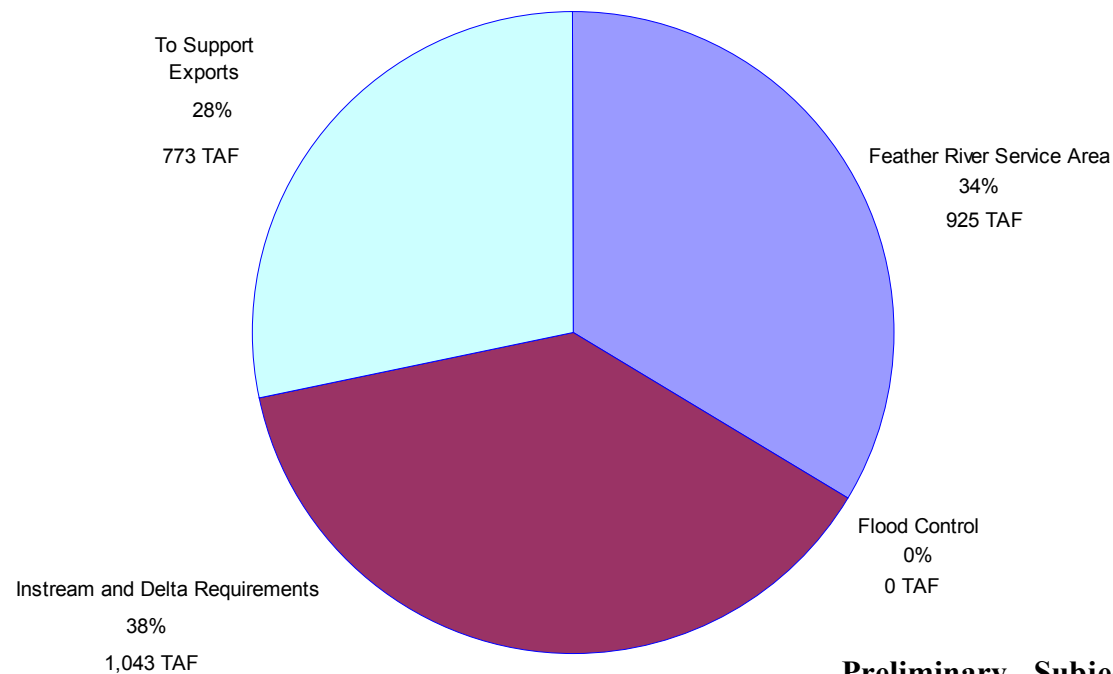
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- **Support SWP water supply targets**

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Primary Reasons for Lake Oroville Releases in Calendar Year 2002

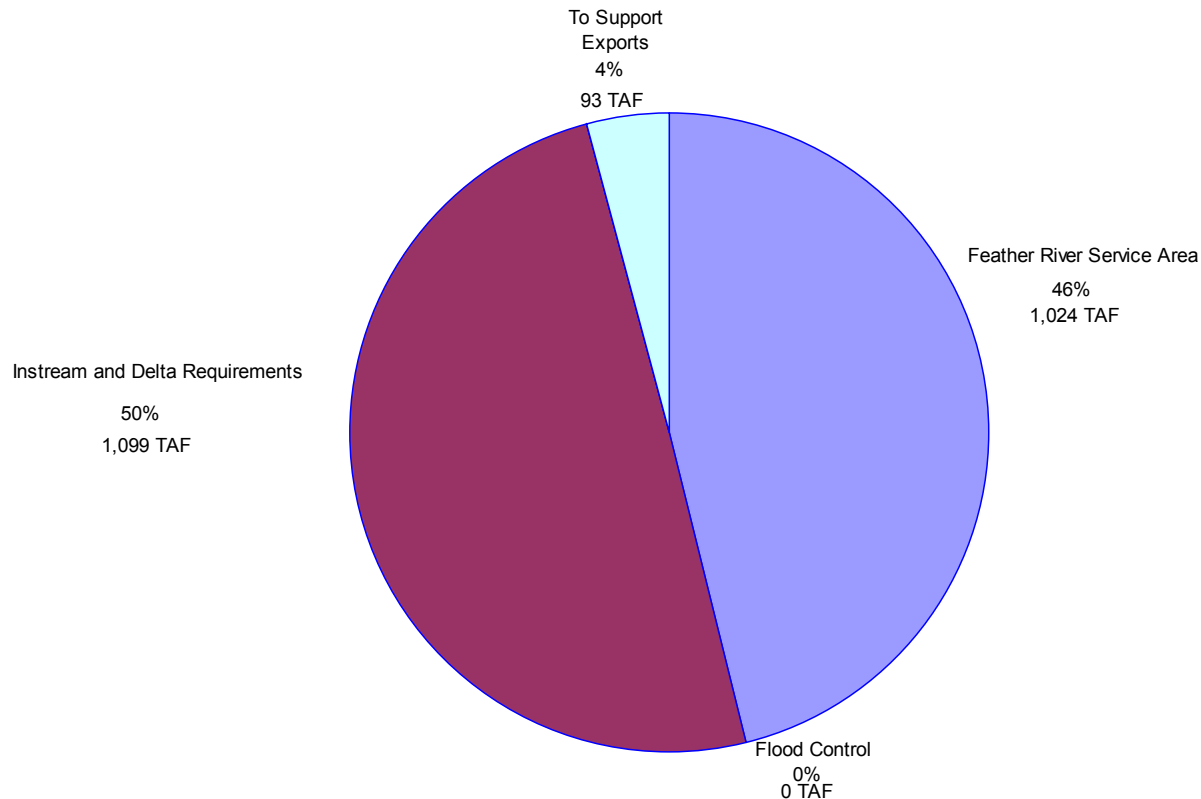
(Actuals through August; September through December assumes 90% exceedence forecast)



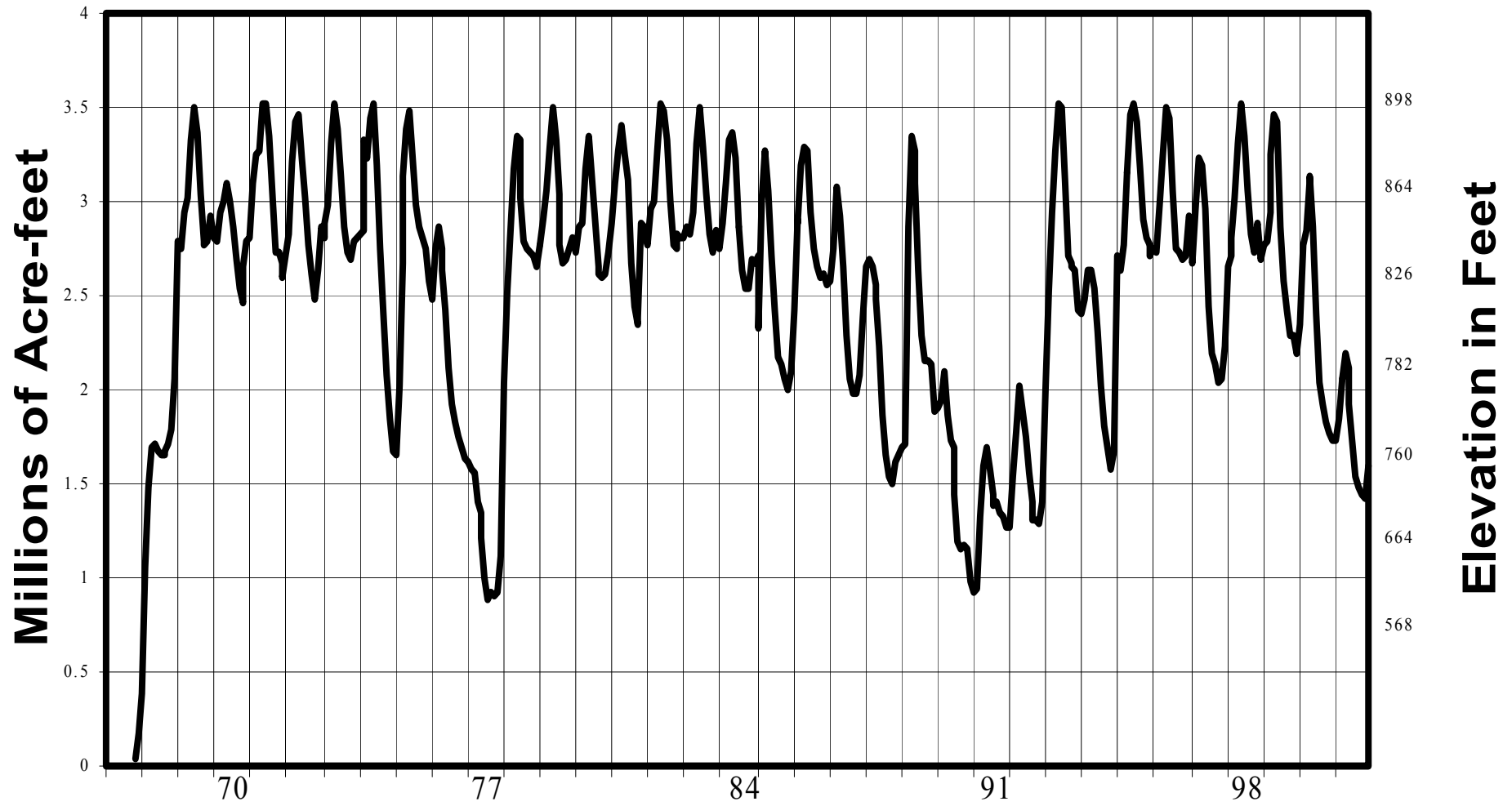
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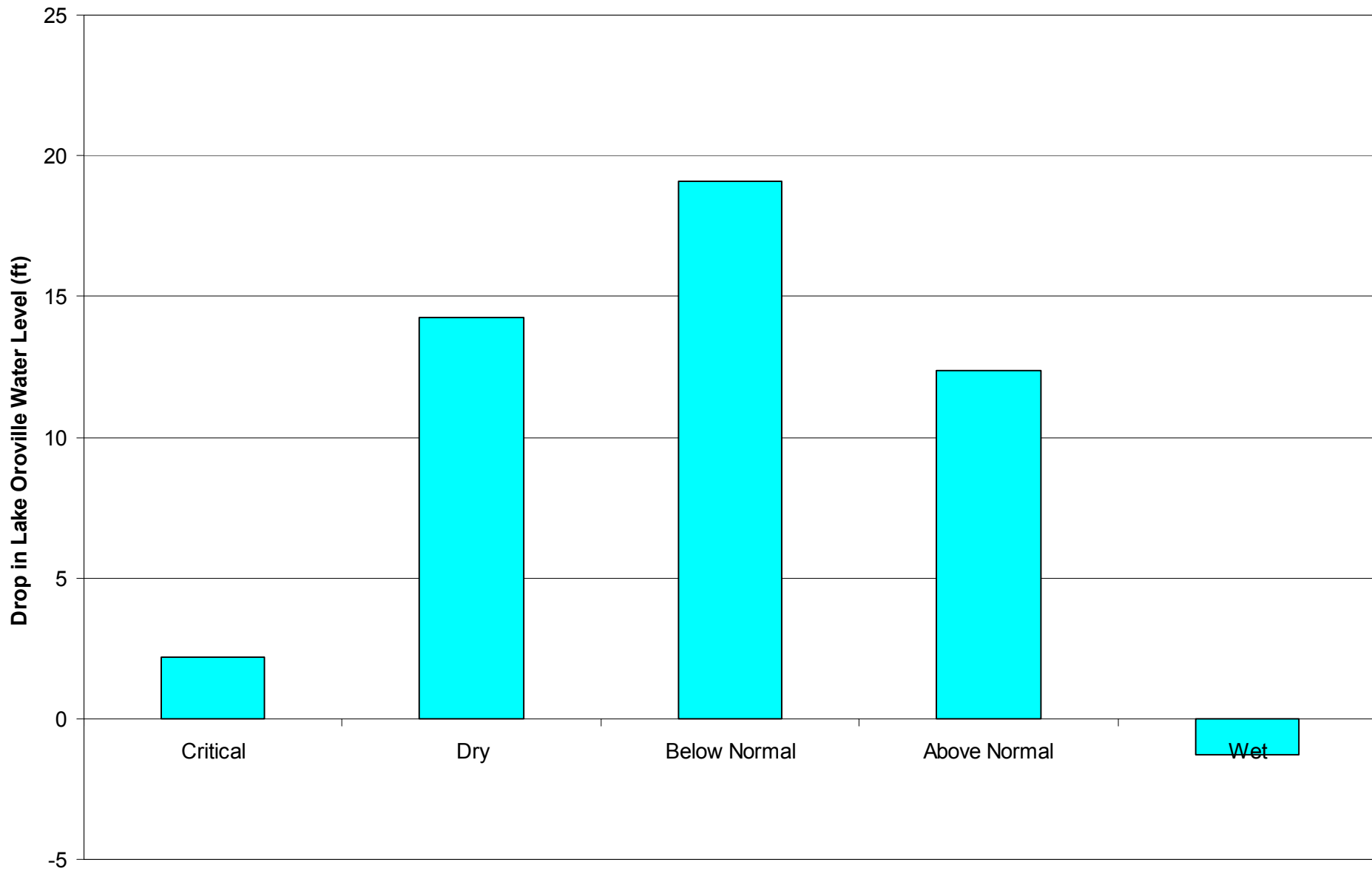
**Primary Reasons for Lake Oroville Releases
in Calendar Year 2001**



HISTORICAL END-OF-MONTH STORAGE AT OROVILLE



Change in Oroville End of Year Elevation Due to New Delta Standards



Change in Oroville End-of-Year Elevation Due to Growth

